Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri.)*.—May I know, Sir, whether any gentlemen of the Medical service have been benefited because of this most salutary change that was effected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—The bar is now taken away.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Has any particular individual been benefited after the change has been effected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—Not at present. In course of time some will be benefited.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know the qualification of the present Civil Surgeon who was appointed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—He is an M. R. C. P. (London) and he was for nine years in the I. M. S.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know whether by the existence.....

Mr. President.—This question and the next question can be clubbed together.

Civil Surgeons—qualification for the post of.

33. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the qualifications required for the post of a Civil Surgeon;

(b) whether there are not some doctors in the department in the Assistant Surgeon's grade also who hold the same qualification?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—
(a) The minimum qualification required is a Medical Degree registerable under the Madras Medical Registration Act.

(b) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South)*.—May I know whether M. R. C. P. is a degree or a diploma?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—It is a diploma in Medicine.

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Mr. President.—It is one of the highest diplomas in the world.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Have you not got a corresponding Indian degree?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Does the order printed here refer only to degrees and not diplomas? May I know whether these terms were considered as interchangeable at the time when this order was written?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know whether there was any doctor in the Medical Service here who had passed the M. R. C. P. examination before?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Was there not one Dr. T. Bhaskara Menon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—He resigned and went away.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—When?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—After his return from England.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Did he pray for an increase of pay or an increase in the post after he returned with the M. R. C. P. degree?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know the year in which he came back with this degree?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—About 12 or 13 years ago.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Was this diploma available then?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*—Certainly.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South)*.—Was it more available then?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—I do not know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know some of the sample of the cheap English degrees mentioned in appendix II?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—The lowest English qualification is the L. M. S. S. A. In England there are several Universities and degrees granted by the University of London are better than the degrees granted by other English Universities.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—In which category will you classify the L. R. C. P. and M. R. C. S. degrees?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—They are not degrees but diplomas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—What are the degrees mentioned here?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—It is a question of comparison. We have got the M. R. C. P. and F. R. C. S. and the L. R. C. P. and L. R. C. S.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Which are the Indian degrees that will compare better with the the cheap medical degrees that are mentioned here?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—The M. D. and M. S. of the Madras University is certainly superior to the L. R. C. P.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—In comparison with these cheap degrees what is the position of the M. B. B. S. of Madras?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—It stands on a par.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Do you mean to say that it is not higher?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It stands on a par.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—As between M. D. and M. R. C. P. which is better?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—These are not things which can be weighed. Much depends upon the man.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Because of the existence of a provision giving preference and partiality towards English degrees whether experienced doctors not possessing English degrees or diplomas have not suffered?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It is a mater of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are there not in the Medical service today gentlemen with Indian degrees?

Mr. President.—The substance of that order is that in making appointments Government will take into consideration the country in which the degree was taken and also the value of the degree. I was surprised to find that in assessing the value of a qualification the practice was that if a man has taken a qualification in England it is considered better than any other qualifications.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—My present enquiry is whether on account of the previous rule, experienced medical men of this country have not suffered and still continue in the service in the lower grade?

Mr. President.—It is quite obvious.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In the light of that, Sir, can we expect that justice will be done to the people who have suffered?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—That is too vague a question.

Mr. President.—This is a question of injustice being removed and justice being granted.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know whether the Civil Surgeon at Trichur is considered to be the senior most civil surgeon?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know, Sir, whether in making this recent appointment everything has been considered?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—The man who is appointed is the best qualified man.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—What about his experience?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Very long experience.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—How long?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—10 or 12 years. He has been in the Indian Medical Service for 9 years.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—Is he senior to Mrs. D'Souza or Dr. C. L. Joseph?

Mr. President.—How does the case of Mrs. D'Souza and Dr. C. L. Joseph arise here? They are also Civil Surgeons.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know what is the pay of Dr. A. K. Menon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Rs. 400.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know the pay of Mrs. D'Souza and C. L. Joseph?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—They are in the 200—400 grade.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—Are they not now drawing Rs. 325? May I know who is senior now?

Mr. President.—Mrs. D'Souza and Dr. C. L. Joseph are senior to Dr. A. K. Menon.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—In the light of that observation, may I know whether a higher pay is not considered to be a criterion for seniority?

Mr. President.—It is not.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Is it not a practice that the seniormost civil surgeon is posted at Trichur?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It is not invariably so.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Was there a case of juniormost doctors being in charge of the Civil Hospital at Trichur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Both Drs. C. L. Joseph and Puduval were in Trichur when there were seniormost doctors in Ernakulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is not the number of years put in by an individual a criterion for judging seniority?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—There are other considerations as well.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know a few of those considerations necessary for establishing seniority?

Mr. President.—A categorical statement has been made that Dr. A. K. Menon for purposes of service is juniormost. Does the Hon'ble Member question that statement? How does this question of seniority arise out of this?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know whether A. K. Menon, if made permanent, will be senior to D'Souza and C. L. Joseph?

Mr. President.—It is a hypothetical question.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Tricuhr South).*—Is there anything on record to show whether D'Souza and C. L. Joseph are senior to Dr. A. K. Menon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—I think that M. R. C. P. is a diploma in medicine. Is it necessary for a person holding that diploma to have any knowledge of surgery?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The diploma of M. R. C. P. is never granted unless he has got a qualification in surgery also.

Assistant Superintendent of Land Records—Appointment of.

34. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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APPENDIX I.

(Question No. 27.)

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

Mr. K. V. Menon, who has been appointed Publicity Officer to the Cochin Government, will assume charge of his duties on the 30th April. His office will be in the Huzur Secretariat Buildings.

(2) The duties of the Publicity Officer will be, among other things, as follows:—

(a) The Publicity Officer will issue, from time to time, authoritative contradictions to the numerous mis-statements that sometimes appear in the local Press regarding the administration of the State.

(b) By issuing "Editors' table papers" and other communications from time to time, the Publicity Officer will give authentic information to newspapers and journals regarding the actions and policies of Government.

(c) The Publicity Officer will issue to the Press summaries of the Administration Reports of the various departments of the State and other important Government publications and will also be entrusted with the duty of preparing the annual Administration Report of the State.

(d) The Publicity Officer will meet newspaper representatives and correspondents every Friday at 3-30 p. m. in his office and give them any information that may be available for publication in the Press.

(2) Newspaper correspondents and representatives are cordially invited to get into touch with the Publicity Officer and obtain from him authentic information regarding all matters about the administration of the State.

The Huzur Secretariat,
Public and Political Department,
20th April 1937.
8th Medam 1112

(By order)

T. S. NARAYANA AYYAR,

Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 32)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COCHIN.

Development Department.

L. C. Resolution No. 7—Mr. A. Eachara Menon.

Read the following resolution tabled by Mr. A. Eachara Menon,—

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"This Council recommends to the Government that appointments to the Civil Surgeons' grade should not be restricted to the England-returned medical men".

Also (2) Saryadhikariakar's communications C. No. 2988/12, dated 4th Jul 1937.

Order D 6. 19344/12, dated 5th July 1937.

At present only persons with European qualifications are appointed as Civil Surgeons. Government consider that it is quite unreasonable to fix a value to a medical degree simply on account of the country in which the degree is taken. There are valuable English Medical degrees and there are also cheap English Medical degrees. These cheap medical degrees taken from England cannot be compared to the degrees of Indian Universities. It is therefore unreasonable to have a rigid rule that recruitments to the Civil Surgeons' cadre should be restricted to England-returned medical men only. While an English Degree may *prima facie* be a strong recommendation in favour of a candidate, the quality of the degree he has taken and how it compares with the degrees taken by his competitors will also have to be taken into consideration in each case. Under these circumstances, the resolution will be accepted and in making appointments to the Civil Surgeons' grade the intrinsic value of the medical degrees obtained and the efficiency of the candidates concerned will be taken into account.

(By order)

(Sd.) Deputy Secretary.

To

The Chief Medical Officer.
,, Legislative Council Secretary.
,, Legislative Council section.
Copy to Publicity Officer.

APPENDIX III.

(*Question No. 41.*)

Statement showing the progress of works taken up in 1112.

S. No.	Item No. of the Road Board Report	Name of work	Progress
1	5	Opening Mangayil road to Nettur	Land acquisition in progress.
2	15	Bridge between Komanthuruthi and Chenganad	The pile trestles are being erected.

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